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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

This is in response to the Action mailed June 6, 2003 requiring an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution. At the outset Applicants express confusion as to the Examiner's request. In particular some 16 different species are enumerated but there are only 14 total claims. It is not seen how there can be more species than claims. Also, the Examiner has not identified which claims are associated with each species and Applicants note that some of the alleged species are not even claimed subject matter. Applicants comments on the alleged species are set out below.

Species I and II are said to be represented by Figures 4 and 5 respectively. Both figures show examples of possible lay out of prints on a sheet of photographic paper. There are no claims directed to the specific arrangement of prints as shown in either figure. Claim 1 appears generic in terms of the print layout.

Species III is said to be represented by Figures 6A-D. However Figures 6A-D illustrate steps in a cutting operation and there are no method claims.

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